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Trooper's Quick Thinking Nabs Stolen Motorcycle

On May 30, 2006 at approximately 2:00 pm, Trooper Bennie Taylor was stopped at the red light on eastbound SR-500 (Padden Parkway) at NE 137th Avenue. Trooper Taylor was operating his unmarked Police Car. He observed a motorcycle that was having some difficulty getting started from the westbound SR-500 left turn lane to southbound NE 137th Avenue. When the motorcycle passed by Trooper Taylor he saw the rear license plate was being attached by gray duck tape. Trooper Taylor thought this be odd, so he ran a registration on the license plate. The return showed the license plate was issued to a Yamaha 650cc motorcycle, which was reported stolen, not to the Suzuki motorcycle it taped was on.

Trooper Taylor turned onto NE 137th Avenue getting in behind other cars. The motorcycle along with the other cars stopped for the red light at 4th Plain. Trooper Taylor thought if he didn't take the advantage contacting the motorcycle while it was stopped in traffic it may run from him. Trooper Taylor exited his patrol car and snuck up grabbing the key from the ignition after turning the motorcycle off. He grabbed the driver's hands and told him to put the kick stand down and get off the motorcycle. The driver complied and Trooper Taylor handcuffed him explaining the license plate didn't belong on the motorcycle he was operating. Trooper Taylor ran the Suzuki motorcycle's Identification Number, which showed it to be stolen as well.

The driver was identified as Valeriy V. Kolesnik, an 18 year old resident of Vancouver.

Trooper Taylor had the owner of the Suzuki motorcycle contact the scene. When the registered owner arrived he stated he has seen Mr. Kolesnik hanging around his neighbor's house.

Kolesnik was booked in the Clark County Jail for Possession of Stolen Property in the 1st Degree.

Note: This is an example that duck tape shouldn't be used for everything, especially if you're operating a stolen motorcycle.

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